(2) Raising & strengthening of embankments—1378.40 Kms.

(3) Drainage channels—746.70 Kms.

(4) Bank/town protection works— 371 Nos.

(5) Major sluices—74 Nos.

These works have provided protection to an area of 15.46 lakh ha. out faf 31.50 lakh ha. assessed as flood prone in Assam.

The Brahmaputra Board constituted by Government of Tndia is engaged in preparing a master plan for the control of floods and bank erosion and improvement of drainage in Brahmaputra and Barak Valleys with due regard to the development and utilisation of the water resources of the valley for irrigation, hydro-power, navigation and other beneficial purposes. The Brahmaputra Board has prepared the Master Plan Part-I for main stream of Brahmaputra and the same has been circulated by the Ministry of Water Resources to all concerned for comments. The master plan part-II for Barak Valley and its tributaries and part-Ill for tributaries of the Brahmaputa are under preparation.

Housing Project for Weaker Sections

682. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI; Will the Minister of URBAN DEVE-LOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have examined the low cost housing project for weaker sections and slums rese ttlement of SPES Bombay;

(b) if so, whether Government have approved this scheme;

(c) whether Government have any intention of adopting and implementing this scheme in other metropolitan cities; and

(d) if so, by when the scheme is likely to foe implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH); (a) and (b) the project has been examined by Government of Maharashtra but not found acceptable.

(c) and (d) Housing being a State subject, the Housing schemes axe formulated and implemented by State Gfovernments/U.T. Adrninistratioas keeping in view their local requirements and plan priorities.

Bonus to the Employees of the Gorar-ment of India Press, Aligarh

683. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVE LOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that bonus of only 18 days for the year 1985-89 has been paid to the employees of the Government of India Press, Aligarh;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefo'r; and

(c) whether any bonus has been paid to the employees of the said Press for the year 1986-87 and if so, for how many days?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Productivity linked Bonus was granted to the employees of all Gov-lertnment of India Press including those of Government of India Press, Aligarh on the basis of productivity index of the year 1985-86 taking 1976-77 as the base year.

(c) Not yet.

Storage Capacity of FCI

684. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) the total capacity of godowns available with the Food Corporation of India for storing foodgrains;

(b) the quantum of foodgrains pro cured by Government and the actual quantum of foodgrains stored in godowns during the last three years;